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## **Revised General Permit is Released**

The "General Permit to Construct and Operate Certain Recycling Facilities" has been modified and is now available. The permit was revised to add mercury-containing lamps, consumer electronics and household batteries. There are also changes to the requirements for collecting used oil.

The previous recycling general permit was issued in October of 1997 and expires in 2002. However, due to an increased awareness and demand for convenient consumer electronics recycling and the Department's mercury initiatives targeted in part toward increased recovery of fluorescent lights, the permit was revised. The revised permit will expire on the same date as the previous general permit, October of 2002.



The Department will mail a letter to all registrants currently operating under the general permit that will explain the changes. Although all the registrants will be required to operate under the revised general permit, not all of them need to reregister. If the facility accepts used oil, it must simply follow the new requirements indicated in Section 5b. If the facility does not accept waste oil, and does not plan to add any new recyclables, then there are no changes that will affect the operation.

If a facility would like to add mercury-containing lamps and/or mixed batteries and consumer electronics, then the registrant must submit a new application and fee. Anyone wishing to begin collecting consumer electronics, mercury-containing lamps, or any other of the listed recyclables, must apply for a registration. Applications are available by contacting the recycling office at (860) 424-3365. For more information, contact Tom Metzner at (860) 424-3242.

## **New Recycling Displays Available Soon**

The CT DEP Recycling Program will soon have two new displays available for loan. The first new display will educate the viewer about the environmental benefits of recycling, i.e., the energy saved, natural resources conserved, harmful emissions prevented, etc. The second display will focus on America Recycles Day in our state. It will focus on how businesses, schools and individuals can participate in this exciting national program. Both displays will be lightweight, portable tabletop models. We expect that the displays will be available for loan to municipalities, businesses, schools and non-profit groups as early as mid-May, 2000. If you would like more information about these displays, please contact Meg Enkler at (860) 424-3238.

The Connecticut Recyclers Coalition is also in the process of producing a new display on electronics recycling. This display will be especially helpful to those municipalities who are sponsoring electronics collections for their residents. There will be two copies produced and the expected completion date is early May. These displays will be housed in two of the state's trash museums located in Hartford (860) 247-4280 and Stratford

(203) 381-9571. They are being produced as part of a grant that CRC received from the state legislature to help promote recycling of mixed paper and consumer electronics.

## State Recycling Coordinator Takes New Position

Oswald Inglese, CT DEP's Recycling Coordinator, has accepted a new position within the agency. Ozzie is the Assistant Director of the Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division within the DEP Waste Bureau. The Recycling Program staff congratulates Ozzie on this promotion. He will be greatly missed by all of us. Lois Hager, Director of the Waste Planning and Standards Division of the Waste Bureau, will be Acting Recycling Coordinator until the position has been refilled.

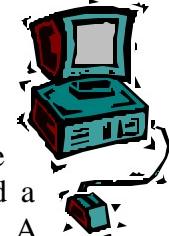
## Pay-As-You-Throw Workshop Scheduled



CT DEP will sponsor a workshop on unit-based pricing (also known as pay-as-you-throw) for local Recycling Coordinators, Finance Directors and other municipal officials. ***The workshop will be held in the Hartford area from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2000.***

Bob Moylan, DPW Commissioner of Worcester, Massachusetts will discuss how this program can be successful in a large city environment. John Phetteplace, Stonington, CT, will provide a perspective from a smaller community. Ruth Beers, the Finance Director from Stonington and Joe Lambert from Massachusetts DEP will give valuable guidance on full-cost accounting for this type of program. ***This is a free program, but registration is required.*** Both a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration forms will be mailed to all CT municipalities over the next few weeks. For more information, contact Judy Belaval at (860) 424-3365. Don't miss this program! Unit-based pricing programs have been consistently shown to reduce waste generation and increase recycling rates.

## Electronics Collections Continue



The residents of the towns of Cromwell, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Haddam, Middletown and Portland will be able to participate in a collection of computers and televisions this spring. The event is being organized by the City of Middletown, which received a grant from the Connecticut Recyclers Coalition earlier this year. A private vendor who will recycle and reuse the material will collect the equipment. Event organizers hope to use information from the event to determine the need for a more permanent solution to electronics disposal. This one-day collection has been scheduled for April 15, 2000 and will be held at the Lawrence School from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact your local department of public works.

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